



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 10-1471

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Mr. Robert J. Miller
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Re: Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Call Sign E100026, IBFS File No.:
SES-LIC-20100203-00146

Dear Mr. Miller:

On February 3, 2010, Schlumberger Technology Corporation (Schlumberger) filed the above-captioned application seeking authority to operate C-Band¹ and extended C-band² Earth Stations on-board Vessels (ESVs). Pursuant to Section 25.112(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §25.112(a)(1), we dismiss this application without prejudice to refiling.³

Schlumberger seeks to operate on the 3650-3700 MHz band for ESV downlink operation. The U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations, Section 2.106 of the Commission's rules,⁴ however, has frozen new applications for authority to operate in this frequency band. In addition, Section 25.211 of the Commission's rules⁵ does not include an allocation for ESV use of this band. Schlumberger also requests to operate on 5850-5925 MHz and 3600-3650 MHz bands for ESV uplink and downlink operations. Again, Section 25.211 of the Commission's rules does not include an allocation for ESV use of these bands. We dismiss Schlumberger's request for failure to include a waiver request of the Commission's rules to permit non-conforming uses.

¹ 3700-4200 and 5925-6425 MHz bands.

² 3600-3700 and 5850-5925 MHz bands.

³ If Telesat refiles an application identical to the one dismissed, with the exception of supplying the corrected information, it need not pay an application fee. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1109(d).

⁴ Footnote NG169 of 47 C.F.R. § 2.106.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 25.211.

In the event that Schlumberger refiles its license application to operate in the 3600-3700 and 5850-5925 MHz bands, it should include an adequately supported request for waiver of all applicable Commission rules. In this case, such a request should include, among other things, an explanation as to any unique or compelling circumstances that warrant the use of frequency bands that are not allocated for ESV use. In addition, any grant of a waiver would be premised on completion of coordination with other parties operating communications systems in compliance with the Table of Frequency Allocations, 47 C.F.R. § 2.106.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 25.112(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §25.112(a)(1), and Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. §0.261, we dismiss this application without prejudice to refiling.

Sincerely,

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